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"I think this new law is going to affect me a lot," said Homyak. "There are some people that can't afford to do this (pay for sterilization)."

Because of this, Homyak said he encourages people interested in adopting a dog to do so before July 1st. Currently, he said there are approximately 30 dogs and/or puppies at the shelter available for adoption.

After the new law takes effect on July 1st, Homyak also said he plans to work with organizations to try and get help with the new law. He said the adoption of the animals will still be a priority for him.

"There are a lot of stray animals out there that are abandoned," Homyak said. "This law, hopefully, will control the pet population. On the downside, though, the law most likely will cause more of these animals to be euthanized rather than adopted."

Homyak said he is always ready and willing to complete the adoption of an animal from the shelter. To avoid the requirements of this new law, he said those interested in adopting a dog should contact him immedi-



This female dog and her puppies are among those currently available for adoption at the Animal Shelter in Elba. Animal control officer George Homyak hopes those interested in adopting but wanting to avoid the requirements of the new sterilization law (effective July 1st) will contact him. Homyak can be reached by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

ately. After July 1st, he said the new law will be enforced.

Those interested in adopting a dog from the Elba Animal

Shelter should contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 and leave a message for Homyak.

Cost-share assistance program offered for prescribed burning

The Alabama Forestry Commission is announcing a cost-share assistance program for non-industrial private forest landowners. The program is designed to promote stewardship of Alabama's natural resources by encouraging landowners to begin a prescribed burning program on their forest lands. AFC will provide assistance to non-industrial private forest landowners for fire lanes and prescribed burning to reduce heavy fuel build-up areas, to improve wildlife

habitat, and to restore native species to Alabama's unique ecosystems of the State. A high risk for devastating fires and control hazards exists as a result of downed trees, salvage activities, and a trend of landowners' reluctance to burn.

This program is funded through a federal grant, the Forest Land Enhancement Program, as authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

The sign-up period for the Alabama Forestry Commission Prescribed Burning Program is

June 14 - July 14, 2006 at local Forestry Commission offices. Contact your local AFC office or call the Landowner Assistance State Coordinator, Arthur Hitt, at 334-240-9323 for more information.

Shelby announces \$400,000 to combat Internet crimes against children

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, announced this week that the Department of Justice has awarded \$400,000 to the Alabama Department of Public Safety for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program.

"I am pleased to announce \$400,000 to combat exploitation of children on the internet," said Senator Shelby. "Crimes against children are a plague on our society and we must continue to work to eradicate them. I have long believed that the key to fighting these horrific crimes

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located and are able to connect with their assets."

Ivey encourages all Alabamians to search for their names on the Unclaimed Property database by visiting her website at www.treasury.alabama.gov. Claims may be filed online or by calling the treasurer's office and requesting a claim form. The unclaimed property division of the treasurer's office can be reached toll free at 1-888-844-8400.

"Get online or call us, and if you find your name and can prove you are who you say you are, we'll be happy to send you a check," Ivey said.

News from ZC Schools:

NOTICE TO STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE Summer Reading Program at Zion Chapel Schools: The assigned reading books will be available for purchase at Books-A-Million on Friday, June 16, or can be purchased at the school.

ZION CHAPEL SCHOOLS currently is accepting pre-orders for Academic Achievement t-shirts. Those interested in purchasing a t-shirt (\$10) should contact Julie Norris at the school at (334) 897-6275.

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In support of Elba Community Playground
Deadline to purchase tickets to "Picnic for the Park" nears

The countdown to build week continues for the Elba Community Playground, and playground committee members hope an upcoming event will create even more excitement for the project.

"Picnic for the Park" will be held Thursday, June 29, at the Elba High School cafeteria, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will offer interested citizens of all ages an opportunity to learn specific details regarding the project while also helping to raise additional needed funds for the playground and build enthusiasm about the upcoming build week where many volunteers from the community will be needed to build the playground.

"Picnic" tables will be arranged within the high school's cafeteria, and a meal of grilled hamburgers with delicious sides will be served. Individual tickets are available for purchase at \$20 per plate. Also, a special section will be reserved for children (age 12 and below) for a lesser amount at \$10 per child featuring grilled hot dogs.

Playground committee members feel "Picnic for the Park" will be an ideal time for churches, organizations, co-workers, families, etc. to come together for a fun, relaxing event that will aid the community in achieving the goal of developing a state-of-the-art playground for area children, but those interested in attending need to purchase tickets soon as the Friday, June 23, deadline is fast approaching.

"Picnic for the Park" will be a casual event with the dress code following that of traditional picnics meaning shorts and t-shirts are welcome attire.

Tickets to "Picnic for the Park" are available for purchase at the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Tangles and Threads, Windham Lumber or any playground committee member. A "big" announcement will be delivered during the event, therefore, all interested citizens are definitely encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Laurie Chapman at 897-1152 or email: lauriechapman@charter.net. Additional information regarding the Elba Community Playground project can be found by visiting the website at: www.elbaalabama.net/playground.

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In regards to medical emergency response time

Resident asks commissioners to consider his part of the county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners met Monday morning, June 26, for their regular bimonthly meeting and found one resident making a plea for consideration regarding medical emergency response.

Dr. Rex Mixson, a resident of County Road 143, began his remarks to commissioners by indicating his appreciation for their loyal service and dedication to the people of Coffee

County. After spending about 50 years in ministry, he said he returned home to Coffee County. At the time he said his wife suffered from cancer, and now she also suffers from neuropathy.

Mixson also spoke of several neighbors with health problems paving the way for his plea regarding medical emergency response.

"I come to plead that you give serious consideration to our area of the county," he said. "I ask

you to reach into the purse of your heart and soul and see where we come from."

Mixson said there are lost of elderly citizens in his area of the county, and they are scared. More particularly, he said they are worried about the amount of time it takes for medical emergency response to reach them in time of need.

Mixson said in the past emergency response has come from Elba, and he said it simply takes too long for the response to get there. He spoke of a time his wife needed medical attention and said if he had dialed 911 and waited for response his wife would not have made it.

"What I would have like to happen was for me to pick up the phone and dial 911," Mixson said. "I couldn't. We didn't have the time."

Mixson said he has nothing but love and respect for the medical emergency responders in Elba. He said he did not want anyone to think he had anything against those responders. Instead, he said his concern is the amount of time it takes responders to get from Elba to his part of the county.

"I just wish we could have closer and more accurate response," Mixson said. "Even if the service comes from Enterprise, it could be better."

Commission chairman Bernest Brooks thanked Mixson

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Confederate Veteran honored during ceremony at New Brockton cemetery

Thomas A. Adams was born in Thomas County, Ga. in about 1838, the son of Harmon Adams and Martha Everett. By 1850, the family had moved to Alabama.

Adams enlisted as a private in Company D of the 15th Alabama Regiment, CSA on August 14, 1861. By the time of his discharge on April 4, 1865, he had attained the rank of Captain.

His unit fought in Major General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson's Division at Front Royal, Winchester, Cross Keys, and was in Jackson's flank at Cold Harbor. The 15th also participated in the second battle of Manassas and Fredericksburg as well as other engagements.

During his time of service, Adams was wounded and spent time in the hospital in

Richmond, Va.

On Sunday, June 24, 2006, the General Edmund Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment Re-enactors honored Thomas A. Adams by unveiling and dedicating a new grave marker indicating his service to the Confederate States of America. Approximately 40 descendants and friends gathered at the New Brockton Cemetery where Adams had been interred nearly 90 years earlier.

As descendants gathered, many viewed for the first time a picture of Mr. Adams, shared by great granddaughter Willie Jean Cordle.

The welcome was given by Donna Clark, UDC Chapter president.

Descendants of Adams participated in the dedication program, prayer was offered by Margie Watson, great granddaughter; a biography written by great granddaughter, Mary Pat Bias, was given by James Bias. Wesley Kelley, great-grand-great-grandson, read the poem "The Magnolia Cemetery Ode" by Henry Timrod. Others participating were great-grandson Arlan Brown, who unveiled the marker; great-granddaughter Amelia Day, who led in prayer; and great-grandson Bobby Bowden, who placed a wreath on the grave.

Ending the dedication, the 15th Alabama gave a salute firing three volleys followed by the playing of "Taps." A Federal soldier knelt by Adams' grave to recognize, honor and pay tribute to the heroism of a fallen soldier.



DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS A. ADAMS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY included: (front row) Helen Tindol, New Brockton; Margie Watson, Enterprise; Amelia Day, Gadsden; Arlan Brown, Elba; Willie Jean Cordle, New Brockton; Wesley Kelley, Elba (holding a picture of Mr. Adams); Jana Kelley, Elba; Todd Kelley, Elba; (second row) Sara Warren, Enterprise; Bobby Bowden, Enterprise; Eugene Bowden, Panama City, Fla.; Betty Helms, New Brockton; and Linda Rodgers, New Brockton.



COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED Monday, June 26, to assist the City of Elba in preparation for the community playground scheduled to be built the week of Sept. 20-24. Commissioner Linda Westbrook brought the matter to attention when she said the City of Elba asked for the county's help with site preparation for the playground. County engineer Randy Tindell said he believes his department can do the work requested of them in approximately two days to include hauling in dirt and leveling the ground. The motion to assist with this site preparation was approved by a unanimous vote of the commission. The Elba Community Playground will be built on the grounds of the old Elba High School complex in downtown Elba. The front facade of the old school (shown above) will be the entranceway into the state-of-the-art playground. The area behind the facade is in need of the site preparation before the playground can be built. Monday's vote by the Coffee County Commission to assist with site preparation was yet another step forward in realizing the playground dream. The Elba Community Playground committee members continue to work tirelessly to move forward and will sponsor the "Picnic for the Park" fund raising event Thursday, June 29 (Tonight), at the Elba High School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in attending the sure-to-be fulfilled event should contact Laurie Chapman at 897-1152 to reserve a ticket. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for school aged children and free for children not yet in kindergarten. Those attending can pay for their tickets at the "Picnic" but are asked to call and reserve their ticket(s) before Thursday evening. "Picnic for the Park" will provide a meal, entertainment and lots of information regarding the playground project. All proceeds from "Picnic for the Park" will benefit the Elba Community Playground.

During Elba City Council meeting

Police Chief says two rabid animals confirmed

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening for only a few minutes. Business conducted included appointing a new member to the Library Board, and hearing reports from the police chief and the city clerk and a plea for help with a drainage

problem from a homeowner. The mayor also discussed purchasing some property.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported two rabid animals have been definitely confirmed in Elba during recent weeks. One was a fox on Forest Lake Drive and the other was a raccoon on Teresa Street.

The council voted to name Alice Maddox, to the Elba Library Board, replacing Barbara Tillis, who had asked not to be reappointed.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that regular spraying for mosquitoes started a week ago.

Mayor James Grimes told council members that 3.75 acres of land on the Troy Highway, across from the old shopping center and adjacent to Legion Field, was to be in the auction next month. He said that after talking with the auctioneer about the City of Elba buying the land, he was ready for some guidance

from council members.

Grimes said the recreation department could use an additional ball field and the additional parking this land would offer. The property is high and dry and would serve Elba's needs well, according to the mayor. Council members approved the mayor and city clerk discussing a purchase "at a reasonable price."

Grimes agreed to get back with council members before actually buying the land.

James Coleman showed council members pictures of his on-going drainage problem at his home in Mulberry Heights, at the corner of Whitman Street and Lee Street.

Previous work recommended by the city engineer had been completed at the location, but Coleman said some of the work was not effective.

The council agreed to look into the matter, visit the location and then again discuss the problem.

Troopers plan to step up patrols during Independence Day holiday travel period

All available state troopers will be on duty during the Independence Day holiday period, according to Col. W.M. Coppage, Department of Public

Safety director.

Coppage said the increased trooper presence, coupled with an intensive enforcement effort, will promote heightened roadway safety for holiday motorists. He said overtime grants administered by regional community traffic safety program coordinators with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs will help fund enhanced patrols statewide.

Troopers throughout Alabama will be watchful for all violations of traffic law, including impaired driving, speeding, following too closely and failure to use safety belts and child restraints. Coppage said enforcement plans for the holiday period also include driver license and equipment checkpoints, saturation and line patrols.

Coppage stressed the importance of drivers keeping focused on safety throughout the holiday period. He urged motorists to "slow down, never drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs, and buckle up on every trip." He also urged them to practice patience and courtesy toward other drivers during the extended

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

President Bush sharply condemned The Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times for publically revealing the federal program of secret monitoring of suspected terrorists' financial transactions. Initially, we are inclined to agree with the president. But then it is really a great previously unknown secret? Somehow we understood that such was going on . . . and there is absolutely no access to real government secrets in this office. Now if government employees are giving out secrets, to anyone and for whatever reason, they need to be fired and jailed. However, members of the American news media also have a responsibility to support the system of government which allows us to operate free of government intervention. The alternate situation would be to lose all those great freedoms . . . forever.

Many of our Elba friends have for years fought the same battle that is fought annually at our house . . . keeping the gillions of birds out of the blueberry bushes. We have tried plastic snakes, tin plates, the whole nine yards. We stood at the door one morning several years ago and watched a bird land on the ground, hop under our carefully placed, all encompassing, fish net and up into the ripe berries. Our best defense has been to pick the berries every morning and early. That usually works for us. Well, one day recently (before we had any rain) it was noticed that only one bird was singing, in spite of the cool weather and clear skies. Normally there are more "voices from the wild" in the early morning than in the Salt Lake City Mormon choir. Also it registered that this one bird was spitting out the very same sounds - repeatedly. The ole brain got busy and realized he was probably telling the many other birds of the field about the old gray headed human who was getting all their sweet, ripe berries. His report didn't stop our efforts but it was nice to hear the chorus return as even as the scattered rain showers again found us.

Last Friday evening this writer again attended a 50th high school class reunion . . . this time it was our own! While addressing the group at the opening of the event, we noted in part, "The world has changed in ways not one of us in rural south Alabama would ever have imagined in 1956". Today's grads are encouraged to look closely at the world as it is today, record every bit of it in their brain and/or on film or computer. The many changes of the last 50 years are nothing to compare with what will surely happen in the next 50 years! Also, while this was not said openly in front of our old running buddies, but it was mentally noted that quite a few of our old classmates are sure showing their age! A total of ten (or about 25%) of our class members have died, but only three of them were male. That is contrary to normal life spans in America where women, on the average, outlive men. The percentage was more off balanced than that until about a month ago when the third male died of some strange infection. To those who have yet to experience a 50th, you have something grand to look forward to! Don't miss it if at all possible.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 19, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two for domestic violence, three for criminal mischief, one harassing communications, one criminal trespassing, one theft of property, one possession of marijuana and one lost cell phone.

The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for harassment, one for failure to pay and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, eleven for not wearing a seat belt, three for no proof of insurance, one for running a stop sign, two for a suspended driver's license, two for no insurance and one for a switched tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 19 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at the Beaver Dam Apts. (3:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 25138 Hwy. 87 N. (1:32 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Birch's Trailer Park (8:32 p.m.); Cutting of a victim reported at 603 Kendrick Apts. (9:19 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (trash pile) fire West of the old Kleiner's building (6:27 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (grass) fire on Hwy. 141 (1:22 a.m.); Coffee County

In 1943, Dave Vaughan opened "Vaughan Hardware" on the square in downtown Elba. Through the next 50-plus years, the hardware was owned and operated by members of the Vaughan family.

In 1995, Dave's granddaughter, Susan Stokes Lawford, and her husband, Dennis, sold the hardware to Dennis' brother and his wife, Wayne and Betty Lawford.

Wayne and Betty were excited to own the hardware and quickly realized what a great hardware the Vaughan family had developed over the years. The Lawford's goal was to offer the same high quality service to the citizens of Elba and the surrounding cities.

The March 1998 flood poured 5-ft. of water into the hardware and into the adjoining electronics store which the Lawfords had recently opened. Wayne and Betty worked quickly to remove the mud and debris from their store. Within a week, they had the doors open to aid the citizens of Elba. Since the town was shut off from surrounding cities, they knew it was important to reopen the store as quickly as possible for the citizens in need of cleaning and other essential supplies.

The flood took its toll on the Lawfords as they struggled for two years to settle their flood insurance claims. However, they were determined to make the store better and more beneficial than ever before to Elba.

Over the years, the Lawfords have purchased adjoining buildings which allowed them to offer many new services and products. Some of these services and products include: Internet Service, "Unicel" cellular services, swimming pool computerized testing along with an extensive

Wayne and Betty Lawford have owned and operated Lawford's Hardware since 1995 and work hard daily to meet the store's motto, "If we don't have it, we'll get it for you."

line of chlorine and salt pool products.

Lawford's Hardware also is a Snapper and Echo dealer and offers a large selection of lawn mower blades, belts and parts. Hunters and fishermen can find an extensive line of products for their sports, and because the hardware store continues to purchase over 90 percent of its merchandise from the Ace Hardware Corporation, it is able to offer the best and lowest prices to customers.

Also, adjoining the hardware is Electronics Etc. where the a full line of electronics, home telephones, the Sam's (Hello Kitty) gift line and much more is sold.

People driving through Elba often stop in to wander through the hardware store. They enjoy the "old timey" hardware

atmosphere as well as the extensive mounted wildlife displays on the walls.

Any "hard to find" item which a person might be searching for can often be found at Lawford's Hardware. The store's motto, which they try to live by, is, "If we don't have it, we'll get it for you."

Wayne and Betty Lawford along with their children, Josh and Lindsay, have a deep love for the city and people of Elba. They have a strong desire to see it grow and prosper.

They next time you're in downtown Elba, stop in at Lawford's Hardware and let Bill Burke, Ronnie Jmright or Wayne and Betty Lawford take care of all your hardware needs. Just plan to linger a while because they do love to talk with their friends.

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ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Tues. 9 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Magic Garrett Classroom.

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AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.

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COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.

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ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 p.m. - The PBO office at the Airport.

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Dear Editor,

My name is Joseph Arnold, "Joey" to those who know me well. I am a two-time graduate of Troy University, having graduated with my Bachelor's degree in 1999 and my Master's in 2004. I am also legally blind, and I am a teacher. Or at least my degrees say that I am supposed to be a teacher. That is somewhat in dispute. MY visual acuity, however, is and never has been disputed.

My reason for telling you this is quite simply, really. I want you to understand, firstly, the person I perceive myself to be. Secondly, I want you to understand what a great many other people see me as - simply an individual who has low vision. To my mind, I have accomplished something special. With God's help, I have managed to earn two post-secondary degrees. I have also attended public school all my life, and both degrees were from an institution attended mainly by individuals with "normal" vision. I have never seen myself as "handicapped," but if you ask a great many of the educational professionals with whom I have interviewed since 1999, they will tell you that my vision is sufficient reason enough that I should not be allowed to teach within a regular classroom setting in a public school system.

While my peers have graduated from college and stepped into ready-made positions, I have been advised that I might better my chances of becoming gainfully employed if I took classes to train me to be a coach. Upon taking said classes, I was then told that I could not be a teacher because I had never played a sport in high school - although I was a trainer for football and basketball teams for six years. One principal put it nicely when he asked how I would know if a student tried to leave the room during class time since I had such "bad eyesight".

Prejudice goes beyond race - way beyond it. Assuming that a person is unqualified for any position based on some physical characteristic is simply ignorant. Actually, it may go beyond simple ignorance and cross over into the realm of stupidity. Ignorance is, after all, something which can be cured by educating ourselves about a particular subject. Stupidity is, though, the choice to remain blissfully ignorant about a topic. This choice to remain ignorant casts a bad light not only on individuals, but also onto entire school systems when administrators look at a surface characteristic rather than taking an applicant's accomplishments and abilities into consideration. I make no bones about the fact that I have had to work twice as hard my entire life to achieve the things I have achieved. Nothing has ever been given to me, and that's just the way I like it, because I truly treasure the things in my life that I have earned. When I was a student in elementary school, a teacher once remarked that I "can't see those worksheets because you don't want to see them." In high school, I was unable to attend typing class with my peers because we had no computers and the school failed to make the accommodations they were actually required to make according to the Americans with Disabilities Act and IDEA. I was told, instead, to find a teacher who would allow me to be their aide for that time each day, and I learned to type when I stayed after school everyday to teach myself the layout of the keyboard. Many people in this area have known me all my life and have seen me grow up in this area, but when it comes to offering a helping hand in this, the most important venture of my professional life, they all turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to my situation, and assume I wouldn't be able to do the job anyway.

That's fine. Everyone is entitled under the Constitution to be as educated, as ignorant, or as blatantly stupid as they choose to be. Trouble with that is that the Constitution also grants me the right to prove myself unworthy, rather than having my fate decided by someone's prejudiced viewpoint of what I can or can't do because God chose to allow me to come into the world with a particular characteristic. I have a right to fail, and that's all I've ever asked for. Sure, you may believe I am incapable of accomplishing a task, but at

least prove whether I can do it. Trust me, I've made it this far by knowing my limitations, so I am sure not going to mess up now.

I am still not asking for anything. I am tired, though, of being overlooked in my attempts to gain employment, however. I hurt a bit to know that I should be able to provide my kids with a better life, and because some people are afraid to threaten their own shortightedness, I have been asked to stand on the sidelines. A year and a half ago, I left a position with Troy University's Records Office, a position I had been in for four years. This position did not require a Bachelor's degree - or a degree of any kind, for that matter. A GED would have gotten me the job just as easily as my Master's degree. I left the position, though, to take the chance at a post-time grant-funded position with Enterprise High School. I took a chance, so that I could use my degrees, and so that I could get the classroom experience I was being told was necessary to prove that I could make it in a "real" classroom setting.

I've taught Graduation Exam Remediation for that time, teaching sometimes math, social studies, science, language arts, and reading all at the same time in the same classroom, and better than 80% of the students I have taught have had success on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. Still, I am seen, for one reason or another, as being unfit or incapable of making it in the classroom. Still, I continue to pursue interviews and potential employment, and I am hopeful that someday it will pay off. "You were right there," I am told. Or, "Keep doing what you're doing," they tell me, but that doesn't put food on the table for my children, and it certainly doesn't go very far toward paying the bills every month.

For seven years, I have paid my dues. When a Bachelor's degree wasn't enough, I went and got my Master's. When I needed "real-world" experience, I left my security blanket and took a part-time position in a classroom with no benefits, retirement, or sick days. Still, teachers are hired right out of college, rather than classroom teachers believe I am a viable candidate. What more am I supposed to do? Well, they tell me, maybe I should consider going to teach at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. So let me see if I understand this, then: the only place a person who has a visual impairment is capable of teaching is a facility for students who are visually impaired? Did I get that right? Wow, I thought I had learned in my history courses that segregation had been outlawed in Alabama a long time ago, but now it seems I am hearing a different story. It's not a far cry from telling all the African-American members of our community that they would be better qualified to go teach at an all-black school.

So now, here I am, facing another upcoming school year uncertain as to whether my benefit position will be available again this year. I see my wife concerned again, and I look at my kids and wonder what we're going to do. I apply for non-teaching positions only to find that I am "over-qualified" since I have a Master's degree, and I am apparently less than qualified in the eyes of many of the local "good ole boys".

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Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by a daughter, Magaline Hull; and a son, John Kinney Holland.

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Obituaries

MERVIS WILLIE COON

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Funeral services were held June 24, 2006 from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp with Rev. Donald Hall officiating. Burial followed in the Rhoads Cemetery near Kinston, Ala., with Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Memorials can be made to Wallace College Foundation, 5565 Montgomery Hwy., Dothan, AL 36303 or Sparks Campus Foundation, P.O. Drawer 580, Eufaula, AL 36072.

Mrs. Coon was preceded in death by her husband, Snodie Wilson Coon.

Survivors include one daughter: Linda Young, Ozark, Ala.; one son: Phellic Coon, Opp; three grandchildren: Cindy Cobb, Teresa Scholz, Ashley Young; and three great-grandchildren.

RICHARD CORDELL RANDOLPH - CSM Richard Cordell Randolph, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Graveside services and burial were held June 24, 2006 at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with full military honors. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife: Dorothy Bray Randolph, Elba; one daughter: Sue (husband Clarence) Wood, Decatur, Ill.; two sons: Barry (wife Nancy) Randolph, Waynesboro, Ga.; Garry (wife Ginger) Randolph, Jacksonville, Fla.; one step daughter: Elizabeth Lindsey, Elba; and one step son: Danny (wife Pat) Herring, Samson, Ala.

GEORGE ALLEN JOHNSON - Mr. George Allen Johnson, age 61, of Enterprise, Ala., died Thursday, June 22, 2006 at his residence in Enterprise.

Graveside services and burial were held June 23, 2006 at Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery with Rev. Charles McGlothlen officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

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DURDEN (Gene), Grand Ridge, Fla., Cathy Hornsby (Joseph), Montgomery, Ala., Rhonda Miller (Robert), Ozark, Ala., four grandsons: Michael Vidich (Sherry), Opp, Ala., Phillip Sakers (Sandy), Ashford, Ala., Matthew Vidich (Annie), Andalusia, Ala., currently serving in Iraq, Channing Holland (Tracy), Prattville, Ala., four step granddaughters: Gina Merritt (Joel) and Nicole Durden, both of Lake Panasoffee, Fla., Melinda Wright (Barry), Wetumpka, Ala., Jessica Hornsby, Nashville, Tenn., and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 24, 2006 at Goodman Baptist Church with Rev. Bruce Williams and Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Linda Andress, P.O. Box 310900, Enterprise, AL 36311-0900.

NANCY JEAN THEWS - Mrs. Nancy Jean Thews, age 49, of College Ave., Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the family residence after a courageous battle with cancer.

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Survivors include her husband: Grover Harper, Los Angeles; two brothers: Johnnie (wife Barbara) Herron, New Brockton; and Dotsie (wife Murlene) Herron, Chicago, Ill.; along with several nieces and nephews.

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KATIE BERNICE HARPER - Mrs. Katie Bernice Harper, age 85, of Los Angeles, Calif., died June 15, 2006.

She was born Aug. 20, 1920 in New Brockton, Ala., and was the oldest of four children born to Dotsie and Lillie T. Herron.

Local funeral arrangements were directed by Coleman Funeral Home.

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New Arrival

MERI-CASON PRESCOTT



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Sarah Bryson Prescott of Jack, Ala., announces the birth of her sister, Meri-Cason Prescott. She was born April 16, 2006, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Josh and Donna Prescott of Jack. Meri-Cason's grandparents are Paula King of New Brockton, Ala., Eddie and Jan Prescott of Jack, and Alan and Rene King of Elba, Ala. Her great-grandparent is Inez Wambles of Jack.

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New Arrival



Sydney Morrow Orth

Mickey and Donna Driggers of Elba and Bob and Linda Orth of Nine Mile Falls, Washington, announce the birth of their first grandchild.

Sydney Morrow Orth was born April 26th at 3:51pm at Penrose Community Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long. Her parents Amy Driggers and Robin Orth are enjoying every second with their beautiful daughter.

Sydney is looking forward to her first trip to Elba to meet her Great Grandparents Sam and Grace Driggers and Ann Morrow, all of Elba and her Aunt and Uncle, Brandie and Charlie Driggers of Salem, Alabama.

The groom is the son of Victor and Jean Voss of Enterprise, Ala., and the late Ebbie Stone Voss of Geneva, Ala. James is the grandson of the late Victor Voss and Sr. and Cupid Voss and Nettie and the late Ralph Stone also of Geneva, Ala.

James is a 1999 graduate of Troy State University, where he earned a degree in anthropology. He is employed with Army Fleet Support of Fort Rucker and also is a member of the Alabama Army National Guard.

A Memorial Day themed reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple left for their honeymoon in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The will reside in Enterprise, Ala.

BRAYDEN NELSON JOHNSON



Brayden Nelson Johnson

Jason and Sheila Johnson of Elba, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Brayden Nelson Johnson. Brayden was born on May 24, 2006 at Medical Center Enterprise. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Gerald and Lorette Nelson of Elba and J.L. and Nellie Johnson of Elba. His great-grandmother is Icie Elmore of Babbie, Ala.

Interview for C.C. Miss Agriculture set for Thursday, July 20th

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room beginning at 5:00 PM. Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal business suit. Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year to bring awareness to agriculture in our area. She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level, and represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2000 scholarship and the use of a new car for 1 year. The first runner-up will receive a cash prize of \$100. Applications can be picked up at the ALFA offices located in Enterprise of Elba. For additional information please contact Dixie Lavender at (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York at (334) 347-9558. The deadline to enter the competition is Tuesday, July 18, 2006.

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Austin Crawford celebrates first birthday with great-grandmother

Grisem Austin Crawford, son of Ozzie Crawford and Amanda Whitehead turned 1 year old on June 2, 2006. He celebrated with his family at his great-grandmother, Ann Carley's house. Austin is the maternal grandson of Cindy and Talbot Stone of Elba, Ala. He is the paternal grandson of Randy and Jamie Crawford of Elba. He is also the great-grandson of Ms. Trudie Jackson of Elba.

Helping Austin celebrate was his Great-Great-Aunt Baby and his Great-Great-Uncle Ruby; Randy Edwards; His Aunt Brandy; Crawford; Josh; Mr. Coley Smith of Elba; Mr. Larry Irene Langley - June 30 (In Memory Of); Glen Kelley - June 30; Eva Miller - June 30.

**GUESTS: June Blackwell and Mary L. Hooks of Burlington, N.C. were guests of Mary Alice Hooks, Estella Hooks, and Charles S. Hooks of Elba, Ala., during the weekend. The ladies attended Sunday School and Worship Services at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba on Sunday, June 25, 2006.

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***GUESTS: June Blackwell and Mary L. Hooks of Burlington, N.C. were guests of Mary Alice Hooks, Estella Hooks, and Charles S. Hooks of Elba, Ala., during the weekend. The ladies attended Sunday School and Worship Services at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba on Sunday, June 25, 2006.

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because of my vision (although the official word is that it would be because of my "lack of coaching experience," etc. etc.) So would someone please tell me, what am I supposed to do? Should I sink off into the bushes and be content with teaching my own kind? Should I be content to sit at home and have my check come in the mail regularly — the third of every month? Ought I to be happy with my situation and run on down to Coffee County DHR and sign up for food stamps and assistance with my kids' day care and allow the tax payers to provide for me when I know I am perfectly capable of doing that myself? Should I contact an attorney, like one state organization for the blind has encouraged me to do, so that I could "get what they owe me?"

You see, for me, none of these are reasonably acceptable options. I simply want to be able to work as a productive member of our corner of the world and contribute in the way that I know I can. Is there anyone out there who is really willing to take a chance on me? If there is, I would like to meet you. I want to prove my worth to someone. All I need is a little understanding, and one opportunity.

Sincerely,
Joseph M. Arnold

Dear Editor,

To the people of Dale County, recently on the front page of the Dothan Eagle headline "Hoovering High," it was attempted to portray me as an unfeeling, unfeeling individual

against the use of a helicopter used by the Dale County Sheriff's Office. Yes, I was the candidate that didn't make it to the runoff election. Now that the fact that the Dale County Sheriff's Office insists on the use of a helicopter is just an ego trip. As Tim Byrd stated, Dale County is one of only three counties in the state with its own helicopter. That's only one reason why I call it extravagant. It's only a toy for them to use daily for no actual purpose other than to try and impress other counties within Alabama.

It's becoming very evident to me. It's getting harder to keep it in the air because I see frequently how some individual is donating to the use of the helicopter. The way I see it is if you have to beg someone for funds to operate it, you don't need it.

After front page publicity, I contacted Mrs. Tessa Eichorn of the Public Affairs Office at Fort Rucker, Ala. When asked by a police department assistant in a search and rescue mission would they assist, a quick yes was answered, under certain circum-

stances. She wouldn't elaborate. Dale County uses the helicopter to search for stolen cars and bicycles, and even simply perform a flyby to inspect auto accidents, but face it, this is not a medivac helicopter, it's an airborne patrol vehicle.

Furthermore, Tim Byrd emphasized that "a financial thanks would be appreciated" when Dale County assists other police departments. I have spoken with individuals with numerous different police departments that do assist adjoining police departments. When asked if they send out a bill or received a bill at the end of the month for the services rendered, the answer was "no, never." So why would anyone or any other county offer to send tax payers money to the Dale County Sheriff's Office for services that should be automatically. I would certainly object to it.

The way I see Mr. Byrd's remark is "if you can't afford it, park it," and keep it until there is an actual need for it within the county. If another county is in need of a search and rescue mission, use it, but perform your duty not for financial gain, but as a service to humanity.

Mr. Byrd told me long ago "The helicopter was free." The pilot cost nothing extra because "he's already on the payroll," the fuel expense was being donated by private individuals, and the maintenance was kept up by an aviation repair facility at a much reduced price. So there is actually no overhead. But when asked about insurance to cover the pilot and the counties liability there was no answer. That must be where the \$26,000 annual budget goes.

If it really got front page recognition, trying to show how

much of an asset it was, and the frequency it's being shown in other publications receiving donations, come one must have taken notice and are applying some heat to its existence.

Now apparently there's going to be an extra \$500 sales tax increase to help fund Ozark's Police Department, but let's not

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for his remarks and said the commission would ask the E911 board to consider the matter.

Later in the meeting, however, Commissioner Robert Stephens said he understood Mixson's concern to be about response time not the E911 system. Therefore, he said he felt as though the commission should look at this during a work session meeting.

Mixson concurred that his concern regards response time by medical personnel to citizens in need.

In other business, commissioners:

- * Approved a landfill credit application for Donald Hussey and Sons house movers.
- * Approved a motion giving county administrator Wilson Mobley permission to contact the health department regarding an environmental study to allow for the creation of a Carter Family Cemetery on property owned by John B. Carter on County Road 711.
- * Approved a motion to allow county engineer Randy Tindell to purchase four Mack dump trucks off the state bid.
- * Approved a motion made by Commissioner Linda Westbrook to pay the necessary \$7,000 by July 9th on a grant received by the Zion Chapel Senior Center

Kyles Family Reunion set for this weekend in Elba and Enterprise

The Kyles Family Reunion will be held June 30-July 2, in the cities of Elba and Enterprise, Ala. All descendants of the late Adam and Irena Kyles Sr. (Franklin, Ala.) are welcome to attend this reunion.

Mr. Adam Kyles Sr. and Irena Kyles were blessed with 11 children: Adam Kyles Jr.,

Lathan "Shorty" Kyles Sr. (Elba), Josephine Kyles, Bill Kyles Sr., Mildred Kyles, Laddie Kyles, Minnie Kyles, Burnett (Elba), Joe Kyles, Elizabeth Kyles, Jack Kyles, and Peter Kyles Sr. (86), the only living sibling.

All family members are asked to R.S.V.P. by Thursday, June

29, so they can be included in this celebration. Each family member also is encouraged to bring family information and pictures to share.

The line up for the weekend is: Friday night - Meet and Greet at the Elba Recreational Center in Elba beginning at 5 p.m. Theme and Attire: 70s.

Saturday Morning - Fun in the Park at the Johnny Henderson Family Park in Enterprise, Ala., from 9-11 a.m. Family will resume at Enterprise Civic Center from 12 noon until 2 p.m. for lunch. Attire: Family Reunion T-Shirts.

Sunday night - Family Time at the Enterprise Civic Center in Enterprise from 6-10 p.m.

To conclude the weekend, a Sunday Morning Worship Service to be held at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is \$25 for single family members, \$45 for a couple with no children, \$50 for a single parent with children, and \$60 for the whole family.

For more information, contact the following family members: Johnathan Lockett (Chairperson) - 334-389-3881 or tjckyles2005@yahoo.com; Rolanda Jones-Robinson (Co-Chair) - 334-389-5358; or Mary Brown (Hostess) - 334-897-2862.

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III - SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13)
M-THUR 8 Only - FRI 8 Only SAT 2:30 & 4 - SUN 2:30 & 4
No Passes - No Wed. Discount

Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. only - all seats - \$4.50

Information session set for practical nursing prospects

Wallace Community College will sponsor a number of information sessions for persons interested in applying for the first semester practical nursing program. Deadline for applications is July 14. Classes are held on the Wallace Campus in Dothan, Sparks Campus in Eufaula and at the WCC Fort Rucker Center.

Information sessions are scheduled for the Wallace Campus in Dothan Tuesday, June 27, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.; Wednesday, July 5, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, July 11, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. All sessions will be in the LPN Building Auditorium.

Information sessions for persons interested in attending classes at the Fort Rucker Center will be Tuesday, June 27, 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, July 6, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, July 11, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. All sessions will be in Building 4502, Room 210.

For information about the sessions or about the practical nursing program call (334) 556-2433, (334) 556-2220, or 1-800-543-2426, ext. 2433 or 2220.

Recipe contest to be held

The Famous Cooks Cooking Club is proud to announce that over \$3000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in the annual 2006 Old Family Recipe Contest.

Residents from the Elba area are welcome to win their share of the prizes. The deadline for entry is July 30th. The contest is open to all regardless of age and entry is free. We encourage amateur cooks to participate as well.

"Every person has at least one family recipe that has the potential to win the contest," stated Rachael Head, contest chairperson. "When people learn about our recipe contest, they get excited about the chance of winning and the potential for national attention," continued Head.

To enter, send one recipe handwritten or typed along with the category type (dessert, holiday, snack, etc.). All entries must include the recipe name, as well as the cook's name and address on the back.

Recipes should be sent to: Famous Cooks Cooking Club, P.O. Box 26, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

Entries must be postmarked by July 30, 2006. You may also submit your recipe directly online at www.famouscontest.com.

The Famous Cooks Cooking Club is an organization dedicated to bringing together amateur cooks from around the world for fun and fellowship. Membership in the club is not necessary to participate.

Jerkens Family Reunion set for Saturday, July 8th

Jerkens Family Reunion will be held July 8, 2006 at the Loxley Civic Center located in the Loxley Municipal Park on Hwy. 59 in Loxley, Ala., starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until 5:00 PM.

Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Paper products will be furnished. Also we encourage everyone to bring family information and pictures to share.

For those wishing to attend we will be meeting Friday night, July 7, 2006 at The Fire Mountain Restaurant for our around-the-table discussion of our Jerkens Research. Try to arrive between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. It is located at 30179 Eastern Shore Center at the Malbis Exit on Interstate 10.

For more information, please contact any of the following people: Doris Hastings, (251) 947-5499; dhasting@gulfnet.com; Jack Butler, (850) 421-4587, JackVButler@comcast.net; or Voncie Harris, P.O. Box 174, Loxley, AL, (251) 964-5999.

CITY OF ELBA QUALITY WATER REPORT

We are pleased to present to you this year's annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we continually make to improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is Clayton Aquifer and we have five wells that we use to draw from this source. In December, 2005 we added a 5th well.

"It pleases me to state that the City of Elba's drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements," said Mayor James Grimes. If you have any questions about this report

concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Dennis Coleman at 334-897-2160. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month following the Elba City Council meeting which is held at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2005. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we have also provided you with definitions.

DEFINITIONS

NON-DETECTS (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

PARTS PER MILLION (ppm) or MILLIGRAMS PER LITER - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$10,000.

NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

ACTION LEVEL - The concentrations of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

TREATMENT TECHNIQUE (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

We constantly monitor for various constituents in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. This past year we incurred no monitoring violations.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The Municipal Water Works has completed an extensive source water assessment that identifies potential contaminant sites. A susceptibility analysis has been performed to determine if these sites pose any significant risk. Anyone wishing to view this report should contact this office at 334-897-2160.

In our continuing effort to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The cost of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in the future in order to address these improvements.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

We at the Elba Water Department strive to continually provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please contact Mr. Dennis Coleman at 334-897-2160 if you have any questions.

Test Results Table						
Contaminant	Method	Unit	Limit	Result	Source	Notes
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	No	CFU	5	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform & E. coli	No	CFU	0	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are both negative, and one is also fecal coliform	Human and animal fecal waste.
Turbidity	No	NTU	1.0	0.1	TT	Soil runoff
Radon Contaminants						
Radon	No	pCi/L	4	0	4	Density of natural and man-made deposits
Alpha Radium	No	pCi/L	0	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	No	pCi/L	0	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Organic Contaminants						
Antimony	No	mg/L	0.05	0	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; the remaining carbon; electronic waste
Arsenic	No	mg/L	0.05	0	50	Discharge of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronic production waste
Boron	No	mg/L	0.012	0	2	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Bryllum	No	mg/L	0.0040	0	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from chemical, ceramic, and defense industries
Cadmium	No	mg/L	0.0005	0	5	Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries
Chromium	No	mg/L	0.05	0	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	No	mg/L	0.10	0	AL-13	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Cyanide	No	mg/L	0.050	0	200	Discharge from chemical factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	No	mg/L	1.5	0	4	Water addition which provides strong healthy erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and chemical factories
Lead	No	mg/L	0.0500	0	AL-15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Mercury	No	mg/L	0.00020	0	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and leaching from landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrate	No	mg/L	0.050	0	10	Runoff from fertilizer used leaching from aquatic tanks, sewage erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	No	mg/L	0.050	0	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from aquatic tanks, sewage erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	No	mg/L	0.010	0	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Thallium	No	mg/L	0.0002	0	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronic, glass, and drug factories
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including Pesticides and Herbicides)						
2,4-D	No	mg/L	0.05	0	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2,4,5-T (free)	No	mg/L	0.05	0	20	Residue of banned herbicide
Atrazine	No	mg/L	0.05	0	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Baclofen	No	mg/L	0.05	0	200	Leaching from strings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Carbofuran	No	mg/L	0.05	0	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
Chlorobenzene	No	mg/L	0.05	0	2	Residue of banned herbicide
Dibenzodioxin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
DDT (dichloro)	No	mg/L	0.05	0	400	Leaching from PVC plumbing systems; discharge from chemical factories
DDT (monochloro)	No	mg/L	0.05	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Dibenzodioxin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	200	Runoff/leaching from and herbicide used on soybeans, cotton, peaches, and other crops
Dieldrin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	20	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
Endrin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	100	Runoff from herbicide used
Endrin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	2	Residue of banned herbicide
Endrin	No	mg/L	0.05	0	1	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; on property of some water treatment chemicals
Ethylene dibromide	No	mg/L	0.05	0	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Glycolamine	No	mg/L	0.05	0	700	Runoff from herbicide use
Heptachlor epoxide	No	mg/L	0.05	0	400	Residue of banned herbicide
Heptachlor epoxide	No	mg/L	0.05	0	200	Breakdown of heptachlor
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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been playing softball ever since the high school season ended back in May, and over the past two weekends has barely managed to avoid a trip to the emergency room as she jammed her knee, cut her finger and started wearing sliding pads to hide the blood that is always present on her skinned up legs. She has strawberries on top of strawberries up and down her left leg, but still gets down when she has to and after wiping off the dirt and blood heads right back out the field. She just loves to play the game!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The all-star season is now underway and here in Elba the girls' softball teams have made some noise with the Ponytails bringing home the sub-district title and both the Angels and Belles claiming big wins on the road. Girls softball hasn't enjoyed the same popularity it did years ago before it changed from slow-pitch to fast-pitch, but the girls that play take the game seriously and are getting good in a hurry, as the tournament wins over Enterprise, Geneva, Opp, Troy and Greenville indicate. The boys' baseball all-stars twing into action this week and they too are looking for big things on the field. The Dixie Minors play in Zion Chapel along with Troy, Brundidge and Zion Chapel, while the Dixie Boys host Troy, Greenville, Samson and Luverne in a week long round-robin event at Legion Field. Keep a check on the success of the teams and make plans to get out one night to cheer the youngsters on.

*** The Alabama Smash, a team in the Elba Dixie Debs Softball League, hit the road the past two weekends to compete in tournaments and gained valuable experience and put a couple of wins on their side of the ledger against some of the top teams in the South. Two weekends ago the girls played in Gulf Breeze, Florida, and posted a win over a veteran team from Florida, while dropping two one-run games. This past weekend the girls traveled to Robertsdale and brought home the 4th place trophy from the Gulf South State Tournament. The girls lost to a team from Huntsville and a powerhouse squad from New Orleans, but upset the tournament's top-seeded team from Mississippi en route to claiming fourth place. The girls on the team all play on the team in the Elba league, and to be able to compete against travel teams is quite a feat, not to mention defeating some of the teams. Good job, girls.

*** Dr. Billy Farris is Elba's biggest Atlanta Braves fan and always calls me after I write something about the Braves, but last week he called and told me to go ahead and declare Atlanta dead and to write the Braves off for the season. The recent skid that included 20 losses in 23 games had a lot to do with Doc's sudden loss of love for America's team, as did the fact the team's management seemed unconcerned while their team sank slowly in the National League East. Okay, Doc, I have declared the team dead in the water. So, don't call me and rub it in when they get hot and start winning.

*** In closing.... Elba High has added some quality assistant coaches to its football staff in recent weeks with the addition of Rudy Free and Mickey Jacobs. Free is a former All-State linebacker at Elba High and comes to town after a very successful stint at Geneva, while Jacobs is the former head football and baseball coach at Kinston and will bring years of experience to the staff. Both men should be very valuable additions to the Tiger family.

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ELBA PONYTAILS ALL-STARS WIN SUB-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP... The Elba Dixie Ponytails All-Stars won all three of their games last weekend at the Sub-District Tournament, earning a berth in this weekend's District Tournament, in Andalusia. Pictured above are (left) Molly McGuire taking a big swing and (right) Morgan Matthews knocking the ball loose from the catcher as she scored against Geneva. Complete tournament details next week for all Elba All-Star softball teams.

(Photos by Mike Capps)

In Diamondback 125

Middlebrooks takes home SAS checkered flag

By Mark Chisum

In recent years, DuWayne Middlebrooks has preferred the Pro Late Model division over the Super Late Models. But with the Prattville driver's Viper Late Model Series win on April 22 and another trip to Victory lane in the Diamondback 125 Saturday night he may very well have a change of heart.

Augie Grill led the 18-car field to the green flag and led the first four laps before the first of nine cautions came out. On the restart, Grill fell off of the pace with transmission problems and Johnny Brazier took over the lead. Middlebrooks took the top spot on the next lap and led for 12 laps before Brazier fought back to regain the top spot on lap 23.

Brazier, always a frontrunner at South Alabama, led the field until a lap 66 caution which saw most of the leaders pit for their two spare Hoosiers. Grant Enfingner took over the lead but with older tires, Enfingner couldn't maintain the pace and was quickly passed by Middlebrooks after a restart on lap 77. On lap 81, Dale Little took a turn out front. Little led for eight laps before Middlebrooks regained the lead on lap 89.

EOCC to host Little Weevils basketball camp this summer

The 2006 Little Weevils Basketball Camp for players K-3 is scheduled for June 26-29, in the Enterprise-Ozark Community College Gym.

The camp, for boys and girls, is under the direction of EOCC athletic director/men's basketball coach John Ayers.

"In this camp we're teaching the basics, the fundamentals of passing, dribbling and shooting to youngsters who may be participating in the sport for the first time," Ayers said. "We're not going to get into great detail on strategy or other details of the game; we're working on getting these youngsters started in basketball in the proper manner."

The camp, which runs 9 a.m.-noon, costs \$50; the fee includes a t-shirt.

Ayers has run basketball camps for 13 years and has worked at the Bob Knight Basketball School, Five-Star Basketball Camp and the John Kreese Basketball Camp among

EOCC to host cage camp July 17-20

Enterprise-Ozark Community College former and current basketball coaches and players will host and instruct girls and boys this summer at the Annual Basketball Camps.

The second camp, for boys only in grades four through 12, will be held from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., July 17-20.

Participants will learn the fun-

On lap 96, Brazier moved back into second and began his assault on the lead position. Brazier was able to sneak a few peeks inside of Middlebrooks, but could never find the line around the leader. Middlebrooks crossed the finish line with Brazier on his bumper.

In the Super Stock feature, Buddy Pitts led flag to flag to take his third win of the year. Starting from the pole, Pitts got off to a fast start and built a good lead while the battle for second was on. By the time Donnie Hamrac cleared David Ashley, Pitts was well out front. With the race going green for the distance, Hamrac was going to run Pitts down on his own. Will Mack provided Hamrac another problem, a battle for the runner up spot. As the race wore on, Hamrac had to turn more of his attention to Mack. With Pitts comfortably out front, Mack was working on Hamrac. With two laps to go, Mack gained the inside position and completed the pass for second. Pitts held the comfortable lead to the checkers.

Sam Smith scored a special victory in the Street Stocks feature. Sporting the number three in memory of his cousin Caleb Wise who was killed in a

other clinics he's worked in six states.

"It's important that youngsters get taught the fundamentals of the game early," Ayers explained. "We'll play on short-of goals and make sure campers have the opportunity to learn about basketball and have fun at the same time."

Why is a basketball camp being held in June? "Basketball players are made in the off-season," Ayers said. "The best way to improve basketball skills is to work on the fundamentals of the game and then apply those skills to game competition."

"This camp is designed to do that. We are modeled after the Five-Star Camp, the best and longest-running camp in America."

The camp's motto, Ayers concluded, is "Any dream can start right here."

To register a child or for further information, call Ayers at 806-5928.

For more information contact Coach John Ayers at (334)347-2623, ext. 2303.



(Photos by Mike Capps)

recent traffic accident, Smith took the lead on lap nine and went on to win. Jeff Rudd led the first two laps before Bill Bethea III took over. Bethea led until Smith went by on lap nine. Once out front, Smith cruised home.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Billy Maxie took the lead from LaDunn Stokes on the second lap and went on to win. Stokes was able to keep Maxie close, but was never able to put up a serious challenge to regain the lead.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Eddie Hinson took the lead with two laps to go to take the win. Allen Cherry took the initial lead before Jeremy Geddings took over on the third lap. Geddings led until Hinson made the winning pass on lap 19.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamasppeedway.com/

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Super Late Model
Diamondback 125
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6:00 - (Game 1) Elba vs. Troy
8:00 - (Game 2) Zion Chapel vs. Brundidge

Friday, June 30
6:00 - (Game 3) Loser game 1 vs., Loser game 2
8:00 - (Game 4) Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2

Dixie Boys Sub-District Baseball Tournament
At, Elba

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8:00 - Samson vs. Elba

Friday, June 30
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SPORTS

Kinston's Sanders earns All-State honors

Elba's Baxley and Mularz receive '06 honorable mention all-state honors from Birmingham News

The Birmingham News announced its "2006 All-State High School Softball" teams last weekend and included on the honored list was one player from Kinston, while two Elba Lady Tigers and two Kinston Lady Bulldogs received honorable mention.

Named to the Class 1A All-State team from Kinston was junior short-stop Kaleigh Sanders. Sanders, also a key pitcher for the Lady Bulldogs, batted .319 with 28 rbi's and 6

sacrifices, while on the mound she posted a 12-12 record with 136 strike-outs in 134 innings. Elba players receiving honorable mention were junior short-stop Melanie Mularz and senior utility player Stephanie Baxley. Mularz led the Lady Tigers in batting with a .429 average and batted out 40 hits in just 29 games, while Baxley was the team's top pitcher for the fourth straight season and also saw action at first base and in the outfield.

Kinston players receiving honorable mention were 8th grade pitcher Bethany Holley and sophomore catcher Heather Marlowe.

Following is a list of other area players named to the squad: Class 4A - (C) Tabitha Jenkins, Geneva; (P) Hannah Reynolds, Andalusia. Class 2A - (OF) Sierra Wiginton, Samson; (P) Whitney Weeks, Samson. Class 1A - (UT) Lexi Phillips, Arton.

In ASWA poll

Kinston's Bethany Holley named 1A All-State

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its "2006 All-State High School Softball" teams recently with Kinston's Bethany Holley leading a host of area players named to the annual list.

Holley, an 8th grader, posted an 18-8 record this season for the Lady Bulldogs with a 1.08 earned run average. She struck out 232 batters in 180 2/3 innings, an average of 7.3 strike-outs per game, and at the plate Holley batted .248 with 21 runs scored and 12 rbi's.

Other area players named to the team included: (Class 6A) Brittney Robinette, Enterprise; (Class 5A) Heather Snell, Charles Henderson; (Class 4A) Anna Henderson, Andalusia; (Class 2A) Yhonna Baine, Samson; (Class 1A) Erin Byrd, Pleasant Home; Jessica Peters, Pleasant Home; Chelsie McLendon, Arton; and Kaleigh Sanders, Kinston.

Street Heat 2006 set for July 22 in Enterprise

Street Heat 2006, presented by Undefined Customs, will be held Saturday, July 22, in the Southern Family Market parking lot in Enterprise, Ala.

For more information, visit the website at: www.undefined-customs.com.

Leah Morgan, Samson; Whitney Weeks, Samson; (Class 1A) Bethany Holley, Kinston; Lexi Phillips, Arton; Katy Wiggins, Pleasant Home.

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TRAVEL

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ed holiday travel period.

Coppage reminded motorists that Alabama's recently amended child restraint law now requires proper restraint usage for all child passengers up to age 15 in front and back seats. He said the text of the law can be

viewed on Public Safety's Web site: www.dps.alabama.gov.

Troopers plan to focus patrols on heavily traveled roadways, including interstates and popular beach and vacation routes, in conjunction with Operation C.A.R.E. A cooperative effort by state police nationwide, C.A.R.E. - Combined Accident Reduction Effort - seeks to promote traffic safety during holiday periods through enforcement and safety awareness.

The Department of Public Safety estimates that 20 people may die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 102-hour Independence Day period, which begins Friday, June 30, at 6 p.m., and ends Tuesday, July 4, at midnight.

Last year there were 16 fatalities during the 78-hour Fourth of July period. Ten of the crash victims were not using safety belts, and at least six of the traffic deaths were alcohol related.

Simple precautions key to preventing fireworks injuries

Families celebrating Independence Day will shoot off more firecrackers, rockets and other consumer fireworks on the Fourth of July than they will the entire rest of the year combined. Chances are, a few people will ignore basic safety precautions and end up in the emergency room.

Based on data collected during last summer's Independence Day

weekend, more than half the fireworks-related injuries that require emergency treatment can be prevented with an inexpensive set of goggles.

"Until last summer, we really didn't have any data on fireworks injuries in Alabama," said Dr. Kathy Monore, of the Injury Free Coalition for Kids, housed at Children's Hospital. "But thanks to a tracking effort that is

part of the ongoing effort by Children's Hospital and Crazy Bill's Fireworks, we know more about what types of injuries occur."

Last Fourth of July weekend, state emergency rooms reported 35 injuries - 28 of them to children under the age of 16.

"Anybody who lets children under 16 handle fireworks in Alabama is breaking the law,"

said Pam Palmer, president of Crazy Bill's. "It's against the law to sell fireworks to anyone under 16, and we enforce that rigorously in our stores."

Monore urged parents to follow safety rules to the letter and make sure anyone handling fireworks wears safety glasses or goggles.

"I don't know of any single safety measure that would do more good than purchasing an inexpensive pair of safety glasses from any home center," said Monore.

Meanwhile, the two organizations will continue their efforts to get out the safety message. The two have also combined forces for creating awareness posters, making presentations, conducting safety demonstrations and appearing on television shows.

Safety tips for Independence Day fireworks:

- Always purchase high quality fireworks from reliable sources;
- Follow the printed instructions carefully and use common sense;
- Never use fireworks in glass or metal containers;
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person;
- Use fireworks outdoors only in a clear area away from houses and buildings;
- Light only one item at a time, then move back quickly once the fuse is ignited;
- Keep all other fireworks at a safe distance from where they are being discharged;
- Make sure adults supervise the firing of all fireworks.



LOCAL BEAUTY QUEENS participated in Wallace Day Friday, June 16, as contestants of the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. This was a mandatory meeting for all contestants to attend and was held at Wallace Community College. At Wallace Day, the girls reviewed the pageant handbook, completed the essay competition portion of the pageant and selected competition numbers for the pageant. They were also given the opportunity to get acquainted with the other contestants as well as the pageant committee and were assigned roommates. Those pictured above include: (front row) K'Lea Lisenby, Miss National Peanut Festival; (middle row) Melinda Gooch, Miss Enterprise; Alexa Danielle Adams, Miss New Brockton; and Whitney Erin Donaldson, Miss Coffee County; (back row) Erica Danielle Lewis, Miss Zion Chapel; Nicole Boswell, Miss Kinston; and Lauren McClung, Miss Elba.

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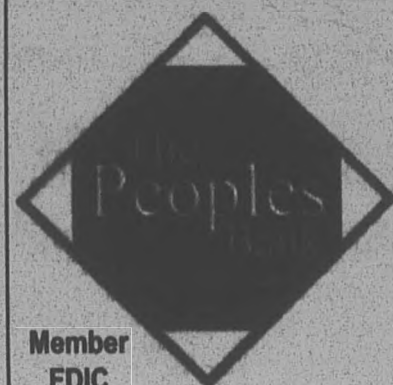
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